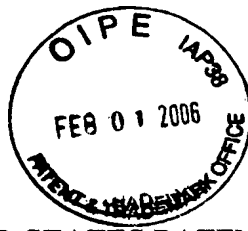


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the In Office Action dated October 26, 2005, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Basis for the Amendment** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Request for Rejoinder** begins on page 9 of this paper.